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APPLICATION NO.	FILING DATE	FIRST NAMED INVENTOR	ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.	CONFIRMATION NO.
09/843,748	04/30/2001	Thierry H. Benjamin	P640 DIV	2369

TITLE OF INVENTION: SOFT TIP GUIDING CATHETER AND METHOD OF FABRICATION

APPL. TYPE	SMALL ENTITY	ISSUE FEE	PUBLICATION FEE	TOTAL FEE(S) DUE	DATE DUE
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Re: U.S. Allowed Utility Patent Application  
Appl. No. 09/843,748; Filed: April 30, 2001  
For: **Soft Tip Guiding Catheter and Method of Fabrication**  
Inventor: Thierry H. Benjamin  
Our Ref: P640 DIV (1737.1750001)

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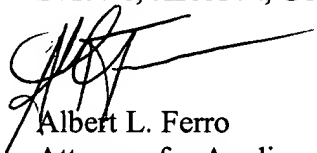
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Respectfully submitted,

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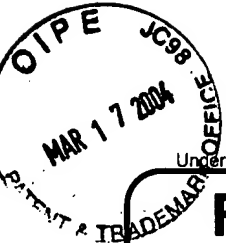
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